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FM AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG

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SUBJ: CIVAIR - AIR-EUROPE

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1. PIERRE HAMER, GOL DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, TOLD US THAT HE RECEIVED A LETTER ON JANUARY 30 FROM HERMAN PESSIS STATING THAT PESSIS WAS FORMING AIRLINE COMPANY IN CURACAO FOR FLIGHTS TO EUROPE AND THAT HE WOULD AGAIN APPROACH THE GOL FOR LANDING RIGHTS. ACCORDING TO HAMER, PESSIS HAS ALREADY ASKED FOR LANDING RIGHTS IN IRELAND AND WAS REFUSED.

2. HAMER WAS CLEARLY ANNOYED THAT AIR-EUROPE ISSUE WAS STILL ALIVE AND HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT IN FAVOR OF LANDING RIGHTS FOR NEW AIRLINES IN LUXEMBOURG. HE ADDED THAT THE FINDEL AIRPORT IS OPERATING AT WHAT HE CONSIDERS FULL CAPACITY (ABOUT 600,000 PASSENGERS
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PER YEAR) AND THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE PESSIS

GROUP COULD HOPE TO OPERATE PROFITABLY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE NEW AGREEMENT AMONG AIRLINES ON CHARTER RATES.

3. HAMER STATED THAT THE GOL POSITION ON LANDING RIGHTS AT THE TIME THAT AIR-EUROPE APPLIED IN 1973 FOR TIJUANA-LUXEMBOURG ROUTE WAS THAT THE GOL WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY NEW AIRLINES AT FINDEL. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WANTED TO OFFICIALLY REQUEST THE LANDING RIGHTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, THE GOL WOULD RECONSIDER THE MATTER. HAMER ADDED THAT, IN THE PRESENT CASE, THE GOL WOULD CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR LANDING RIGHTS ONLY IF IT CAME OFFICIALLY FROM THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MARCEL MART, MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND TRANSPORTATION, HAS THE FINAL DECISION IN SUCH MATTERS, HE DEPENDS UPON HAMER TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PREPARE THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. HAMER LEFT LITTLE DOUBT THAT HE PERSONALLY DOES NOT FAVOR GRANTING LANDING RIGHTS TO THE PESSIS GROUP, WHETHER OR NOT THE REQUEST IS ENDORSED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT. FARKAS

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